

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, April 12, 2021

Public Hearing

President of Council John Coyne opened the hearing at 7:30 p.m. Jonathon Mendel spoke in regards to considering the rezoning of the following City owned property:

A portion of 123 W. Liberty St. from P-F Public Facilities to C-2 Central Business
364 Foundry Street & 347 N. Huntington St. from R-3 High Density Urban Residential to
O-C, Open Space Conservation.

No one spoke in favor or against the rezoning. Public Hearing closed at 7:31 p.m.

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2021 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine. Eric Heffinger was absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel, Kimberly Marshall, Police Chief Kinney, Fire Chief Walter and Clerk of Council Kathy Patton.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, March 22, 2021, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in two weeks on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson held a meeting prior to Finance tonight to discuss updates from the Police, Fire & Sanitation Departments – 2021 Project Reviews.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger was not present.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 21-068-4/12 – Budget Amendments
- 21-069-4/12 – 2020 Carryforward
- 21-070-4/12 – Cyber Security Liability Insurance Renewal
- 21-071-4/12 – MCDAC Grant – Police
- 21-072-4/12 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Mason Custom Builders – Police
- 21-073-4/12 – Purchase 2021 F150 Truck & 2022 F-600 Chassis – Montrose Ford – Water
- 21-074-4/12 – Agreement w / OHM Advisors for Comprehensive Plan Consultant
- 21-075-4/12 – Memorandum of Lease – 406 S. Broadway – Peaceworks, Inc.
- 21-076-4/12 – Discussion regarding Electric Aggregation Funds
- 21-077-4/12 – Agreement w/ ODOT – Traffic Signal Maintenance
- 21-078-4/12 – Easements for Spring Grove Street Bridge Replacement
- 21-079-4/12 – Create Fund #171 – American Rescue Plan Act Fund
- 21-080-4/12 – Obtain Appraisal to Convert Municipal Court to Community Center

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

- A. Covid-19 - Medina County remains in red level. Please remain vigilant with avoiding large gatherings, wearing masks in public, washing hands frequently and social distancing. Updated information on business openings, safety protocols, etc. are on the City and Medina County Health Dept. website. All of your efforts, along with ongoing vaccine administration has greatly reduced the number of cases in our county as well as hospital admissions. Well done!
- B. Fiber to the home - please take survey at this link- www.Medina.LitCommunities.net
- C. McDowell-Phillips house - Thanks to Jansen and Forestry crew for assisting with digging 14 holes March 30 for the planting of 14 new red bud trees on April 10. Well done!
- D. City Hall open effective 8 a.m., April 2, 2021. Masks required and social distancing will be maintained.
- E. Misinformation by Save Your Courthouse (my opinion) - In November they told voters The county courts would be torn down & county would not proceed without city- both not true. Now telling voters we are trying to overrule the vote in November. Vote in November is required city to go to voters like we are. Also telling voters new parking deck will be turned over to developers – The City owns and will own the deck. Deck is public parking available for all. No spaces will be reserved for development. Do not be misled- collaboration with county on the courts makes most sense operationally and fiscally.
- F. Ravago video on city website- 500k sq. ft. with prep for comparable addition in future. One of a number of worldwide companies in Medina. Use these videos as attraction to draw in other industrial companies keeping our tax base strong and one of lowest income tax rates in state. To view, go to www.medinaoh.org , Economic Development, Business Expansion Testimonials.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, reminded all residents that the City of Medina does have an

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income tax and that is collected for us by RITA. They are available at www.ritaoh.com and forms are also available there.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Chief Walter, Fire Department, reminded the public to make sure they are changing their batteries in their smoke detectors.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Kimberly stated the next Energy Special Improvement District Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 11 a.m. – Noon. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be held via the ZOOM platform. We are working to get the district expanded to the City of Brunswick. Anyone that wishes to attend, please send me an email at kmarshall@medinaoh.org and I can send them the Zoom meeting link.

The next Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19, the meeting will be held via the ZOOM platform. Anyone that wishes to attend, can send me an email at kmarshall@medinaoh.org and I will send them the Zoom meeting link.

Ribbon cuttings are still on hold at this time and we are hoping that we can start them again this June. We will work with the Health Department on the best way to proceed for these events.

We recently finished a new marketing piece titled “Live and Work in Our All-American Hometown”. We will be using this to promote Medina and share with companies that are recruiting workforce out of the area. We will also share this with our local real estate brokers. A copy has been placed in your mailbox.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, was not in attendance.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, announced two events:

Saturday, April 21st is Earth Day. Cleanup at Reagan Park from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., free seedlings.

Thursday, April 29th - Senior Spring Fling 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. registration at the pavilion outside.

Sports Association – games begin this week

Baggataway Tournament is April 24 – 25th, 2021

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Patrick reported the following jobs are out for bid: Ray Mellert Fitness Trail, City Hall Parking Deck Detention Basin and the annual Concrete Pavement Joint Sealing Project.

Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments

Charter Review Commission – Joe Nichols (Exp. 12/31/25) – *Replacing Leah Nichols*
Historic Preservation Board – Paul Wood, Resident (Exp. 12/31/23) – *Replacing Paula Banks*

Mr. Shields moved to approve the Mayoral Appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Motion Passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Notices, communications and petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Jeanne Pritchard resides at 42 High Point Dr. Unit 21.

Michelle Powell resides at 456 Birch Hill and

Debra Hallock resides at 1100 North Jefferson St.

Each spoke of equity with the pool, swimming lessons and splash pads reopening for 2021. See attached RCA from Ms. Pritchard.

Dave Blackmore resides at 221 Howard Street in Medina, asked President Coyne to read the following:

As council has deemed this issue important to the welfare of the residents of the city, I feel the need to ask some questions of the council that I may have missed in my materials from past committee meetings and newspaper articles. I hope I will be granted the courtesy of a response.

1. Can council provide the data to the public that created the need for the proposed ordinance? Damage to property? injury to residents? Was there a census conducted indication overpopulation?

2. Why did a proposed ordinance, that has been in discussion for years, and started as a ban on feeding deer and wildlife, expand to include virtually any stray animal, seemingly wild or not?

3. Is the proposed ordinance not in conflict with any others section of Chapter 505, Animals and Fowl? 505.04, 505.07(a) (1), and 505.071(c) (2)

4. What is the intended goal of the proposed ordinance? Reducing the animal population? Limiting possible dangerous interactions between residents and wildlife? Is there or will there be a mechanism in place to determine the effectiveness of this ordinance if passed?

5. How is this ordinance going to be enforced, if there is not the intent to pit neighbor against neighbor?

6. I have a concern that residents that care for animals that are not wild, but are lost or abandoned will have actions taken against them by the city, when someone else, for their own reasons, turns them in. What then?

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Pat Walker resides at 523 E. Friendship in Medina asked President Coyne to read the following:

Dear President Coyne:

More information has come out about the Rose Company Liberty View Project that is proposed for the land between Sully's and the Federal Courthouse on West Liberty Street. It turns out that the agreement, a ground lease, specifically provides that the apartment/commercial building may physically connect to the City's parking garage near the Medina Municipal Court. Further, the residential tenants will have reserved spaces in the City's parking garage.

That agreement, that was accepted by the Mayor and a few members of Council on behalf of the Medina City Development Corporation (commonly referred to as the "CIC") states:

3. PARKING AGREEMENT

Subject to approval by the City of Medina, Ohio, a designated number of reserved parking spaces will be made available in the parking structure owned by the City of Medina, Ohio located adjacent to the Leased Property [Rose Company Liberty View Project] to the residential occupants on the Leased Property. The total number of parking spaces available to the Leased Property shall be determined by the total number of residential units constructed on the Leased Property and as otherwise determined by the City of Medina, Ohio. No reserved parking spaces shall be available to commercial sub-tenants located on the Leased Property. The City of Medina, Ohio shall issue parking permits to the residential occupants on the Leased Property upon proof of residency and upon payment of a permit fee. Each City of Medina, Ohio issued parking permit shall be valid for the shorter of (i) a period of one year; or (ii) termination of the rights of the resident to occupy the Leased Property. Additionally, the Lessee shall have the right to connect to the City of Medina, Ohio owned parking structure at one or more locations, provided the Lessee shall submit plans to the City of Medina, Ohio for approval which plans shall not compromise the structural integrity of the parking structure. All connections to the parking structure approved by the City of Medina, Ohio shall be at the sole cost to the Lessee and subject to the requirements of the City of Medina, Ohio.

Further, that agreement provides that the Rose Company will only pay \$334 per month for up to 75 years to the CIC for the right to use and build on the former City-owned land. It turns out that in 2019 the City gifted to the CIC the majority of the land on which the Rose Company Liberty View Project will be built. There is no evidence that the CIC paid for the taxpayers' land that is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Tonight, the City is poised to take another step to give the CIC a further parcel for the Rose Company Liberty View Project. The CIC is not a part of the City of Medina. It is a separate corporation.

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Meanwhile, the City has put the Courthouse issue back on the ballot. The City wants to relocate the Medina Municipal Court to the Medina County Courthouse at a cost of at least \$5 million. I urge the voters of the City of Medina to vote "NO" in the May 4th Election. The Municipal Court should remain where it is and this governmental waste should be stopped.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shirley Walker, 426 S. Broadway Street read the following prepared statement:

Dear Mr. Coyne, Council, Mayor, Special Committee,

This letter concerns the vote you will make this evening concerning FEEDING OF ANIMALS PROHIBITED. 505.082.

I am requesting that you vote against this proposed legislation. This is my second letter. The first was read at the Finance Committee.

Initially this complaint was about the deer population. Mostly, it was about deer eating the thousands of dollars in flowers, shrubbery, and trees that were planted in yards. I have heard some of these complaints myself and I have highly recommended these persons put up fences. This fencing will protect their investment of greenery, and will also keep these persons safe within their domain. The nuisance deer complaint comes mostly from persons who have their properties near open spaces, parks, and woods. These noted areas are the habitat for deer, fowl and other animals. These animals know no boundaries unless one sets them up.

Initially, this legislation was about the deer, but it now includes all animals and fowl. It is about a handful of people being upset and angry because the animals enter their property and do what animals do. There were some complaints by persons who mentioned deer crossing roads and streets in groups, and there were some accidents mentioned. I requested a report of accidents and complaints of deer and the terrible attacks to people from squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, opossum, dogs and cats. I received the deer report but not any gory details of the other animals. Concerning the deer accidents within the city limits, I might suggest as a reminder that the speed limits in our city are 20, 25, 35, or less. Heed the speed limits, watch for children and pets, bikes, and deer. Still, I am aware that a deer may jump into your car.

Many persons find joy in assisting/feeding the animals that freely enter their yards. Several people I know are active in TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) for feral cats. Many continue to feed these cats, thus keeping them more tame than wild. And I would consider it a kindness to me, if my dog wandered away and was cared for by someone until I was located to retrieve him.

I would like to bring up the enforcement of this new law. As I understand it, an accuser will be able to report their neighbor for breaking this law. This is to be done in an anonymous manner. Call the police or city, but it will be better if the accuser had a photo or video. How nice and neighborly, but nasty. I propose that if this legislation is passed, that the accuser's name and address

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NOT be anonymous. It is said that if a person can report anonymously, more violations would be brought to light. It is my belief that a person who reports anonymously is insuring frivolous and hateful incidents. Accuser information must be part of the public record. One should be entitled to meet and discuss with their accuser.

I am also convinced that most of the citizens of Medina are not aware of this new law. I am certain of it. Perhaps it should go to a vote. I have considered going to the Board of Elections to place it there. In the 1939 Wizard of Oz, the wizard states, "Back where I come from there are men who do nothing all day but good deeds,...to confer, converse, and otherwise hob-nob with my brother wizards." I would suggest that there are more important issues occurring in this city for our leaders to discuss than seeking ways to arrest persons being kind to animals.

Once again, I urge you as our lawmakers in our prestigious town, to reconsider your vote on this law. Elections can talk, and I for one always consider my votes seriously.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Ann Walker
426 South Broadway Street
Medina, Ohio 44256

Rita Eastwood bbblacksheep@hotmail.com comments read by John Coyne during meeting in regards to feeding wild animals:

Lisa Hyde Cobb resides at 330 Woodland Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio. Ms. Cobb requested a proclamation from Council for the Hyde Family, and for an honorary plaque on South Broadway St. (at her expense). Ms. Cobb dropped off a booklet for Council of information on her family background. (Copy attached).

Keri Huff resides at 530 W. Mill St. proposed an ordinance for cat owners residing in apartment building to have felines spayed/neutered and microchipped.

Judi Summers works for a local rescue, Rescue Me Pawsome Style, LLC at 3454 Forest Lake Drive and commented on the Feeding Wild Animals ordinance.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Rose. Ord. 50-21, Ord. 51-21, Ord. 52-21, Res. 53-21, Res. 54-21, Ord. 56-21, Ord. 57-21, Res. 58-21, Res. 59-21, Ord. 60-21, Ord. 61-21, Ord. 62-21. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 050-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 133.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina,

Ohio relative to the Chief of Police Association Memberships. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 050-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this ordinance will grant permission for membership in the FBI National Academy Associates. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No.050-21 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 051-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Agreement with the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority (MMHA) for the PY 2020 community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 051-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 051-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated that this is \$16,000.00 that goes to a combination of 1st month rent, security deposit, and or utility deposits for income eligible households. Emergency is requested because the grant is in effect and we would like to have these funds accessible as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 051-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 052-21:

An Ordinance amending the Program and Activity Fee Structure for the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 052-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this is to amend a variety of different fees and rates. Effects of Covid-19 creating private and semi-private lessons to allow for smaller group classes. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 052-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 053-21:

A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of sodium chloride (Rock Salt). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 053-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 053-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated that ODOT sent this on March 12th and due to the turnaround time, the emergency clause is being requested. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 053-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Res. 054-21:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a \$30,000 grant from the Ohio Environment Protection Agency (OEPA) pertaining to the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for the City Hall Parking Deck. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 054-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 054-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that EPA awarded

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them \$30,000.00 and that is sufficient to pay for 4 of the charging stations and that is what they are requesting to do. Emergency is requested due to them asking for our response by the end of April 2021. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 054-21 passed by the yeas votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 055-21: (first reading)

An Ordinance authorizing the Law Director to prepare the necessary documentation for the transfer of City Lot 9374, PPN 028-19A-21-391 containing 0.1874 acre of land to the Medina City Development Corporation (CIC). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 055-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mrs. Marshall stated that this is the parcel that was created as a result of the unused portion for the construction of the parking deck and they are requesting to have transferred to the CIC for the Downtown Redevelopment Project now known as the Liberty View Project. Kimberly would like to make this request subject to the appraisal report being prepared which they are in the process of getting a quote for that as well as the Law Director working with the Economic Development Director on a reimbursable agreement for the CIC to reimburse the city on the land. If you recall, we have the other parcel that was transferred to the CIC a couple of years ago and now this one, and then we can combine those two. Then we can enter into the lease agreement with the developer to lease the land for their project. Mr. Lamb stated to Mrs. Marshall that the CIC is a private Corporation but what is the membership. Mrs. Marshall spoke on the members and their experience stating that it is controlled by the city and the city determines what goes through the CIC and how the money is spent.

Mr. Coyne added for clarification purposes, the ground lease has not been entered into with the developer yet and the developer has no rights to use the parking deck, it is open to the public for first come first serve basis.

Mr. Rose brought up the fact that the Parking Deck and Apartment building will not be connected. Mrs. Hazeltine clarified that the city is not giving out any parking permits in the City Parking Deck for the Liberty View Development and that no parking spaces are being reserved for the Liberty View Apartments.

Mr. Simpson mentioned the once "Save the Courthouse" is now the "Stop Government Waste Committee" and he won't call them "lies", but he will refer to them as "less than truthful", in Mrs. Walker's letter that was submitted tonight for reading, the comments that were made again were less than truthful and he hopes the people that started voting on April 6th in the early voting will check the facts.

Mr. Huber stated that Mrs. Walker was correct, there was a proposed agreement for reserved parking and parking permit and was an agreement drawn together as a draft, and Mrs. Walker did request that and we provided it to her and what she is referencing was in the draft but the point is the Council and the Administration took it into consideration and decided that we are not doing to do that and Mr. Huber just wanted to make sure the record is clear.

Ord. 056-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (E) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the MCRC Part Time Pay Scale Facility Monitor temporary assignment. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 056-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 056-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this is a temporary pay increase for two part-time employees at the rec center. Emergency clause is requested due to both the individuals have been performing these additional responsibilities since March 12th. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 056-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 057-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 505.08 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Animals and Fowl – Feeding of Animals Prohibited, with the addition of a New Section 505.082. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 057-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Lamb stated this ordinance came out of Special Legislation Committee. Bill stated this didn't germinate overnight, this was the final product of what began in 2012 when responding to concerns that were raised at neighborhood meetings that were held for the deer population. This has always been a difficult issue. Never would they want to pit neighbor against neighbor. What they tried to do was find a balance. Our city has more park land per capita than any other city in the State of Ohio. Culling the deer has always been ruled out. With the City Law Director, we worked on language that is in this ordinance that we thought gave us that balance and now we are being portrayed as people that we want to starve animals? Everyone here is trying to work to solve an issue. Bill read the ordinance word for word.

Mr. Huber stated that they had a number of different drafts through the process, even looked at other ordinances from other cities. This ordinance is very similar to the one in the City of Brunswick that has been in the books for a number of years. This is not going to solve the deer problem, it allows for us to intervene in an extreme situation, this would be a hard ordinance to try and prove in court, but what this ordinance does is allow the City to come and try to mediate and fix an extreme situation. Right now, we don't have anything that allows for the City of Medina to try to intercede if there is a problem between a property owner and another who is bringing in. Law Director Greg Huber stated that this ordinance does not prohibit a person from feeding a starving animal. This violation is not going to be in violation of Goddard's Law as much as people seem to think.

Jessica Hazeltine stated her responsibility as a Ward 1 council representative is to listen to her residents in Ward 1 and to follow up with them. The more conversations she had with ward 1 residents the more disagreements of the legislation she heard. Jess feels she can't in good conscience vote yes on this ordinance and feels it still needs some tweaking.

Mr. Simpson kind of agrees with Jess. He has received a few emails recently on feral cats. He agrees on giving the city a right to intervene if there is an extreme case. Denny feels if we could remove dogs and feral cats from the language he would be supportive of it.

Bill feels that this ordinance already has an escape hatch wide open.

Mr. Shields asked if there could be another reading and not vote on it tonight.

Mr. Rose stated that Bill pointed out one thing and that is mediate and that is the key word to all of this. We are here to try and problem solve. Paul is ok with having another reading on this ordinance as well.

***Tabled to get more information from the residents.

Res. 058-21:

A Resolution approving and accepting a Capital Grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for lighting for the East Reagan Parkway Trail Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 058-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is a grant through the ODNR to finally light up East Reagan Parkway. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 058-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Res. 059-21:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Economic Development (TRES) Transfer form from the Division of Liquor Control for the property located at 930 West Liberty Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mrs. Marshall stated the emergency is needed as it has taken a couple of months for their legal team to locate and negotiate the terms of the purchase to acquire this permit. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-21 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 060-21:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 217-20, passed December 14, 2020. (Amendments to 2021 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 060-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated these are two amendments they are both from the Police Department they are pass-throughs where we received money and we need an appropriation to be allowed to spend the money. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 060-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 061-21:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 217-20, passed December 14, 2020. (Amendments to 2021 Budget 2020 Carryforward) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 061-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 061-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 062-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with USI Insurance Services, LLC for the City's Cyber Security Liability Insurance for the period of April 13, 2021 through April 1, 2022. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 062-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 062-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor stated the cyber security for the city has expired on April 1st and we signed a binder that we could authorize from April 1st to April 13th. This is a 91% increase over last year. Emergency clause is needed so the Mayor can sign the papers by tomorrow in order to keep the policy in place. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 062-21 passed by the yeas votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson stated for everyone to just please be kind to one another.

Mr. Rose suggested taking a look at a Facebook page called "Save the Courthouse" with that there has been a lot of comments that he has been trying to answer but he is not getting all of them for some reason. People on there are saying that our meetings are not publicly advertised well enough. You can find them in the Gazette and on our City Website and on our Facebook page. There are just boldfaced lies on this page. Pat Walker knew when she had John Coyne read her statement that it was a draft, she is aware that there couldn't be an executed lease agreement until we passed the replat of the land, she knows this as a lawyer. We as a city need to put these people in their place and vote YES on Issue 1. We passed an ordinance tonight to re-appropriate money that we didn't spend last year \$12 million dollars – That's good financial management, we are not wasting anything. Mr. Rose stated he is appalled that these people are doing this by spreading lies and misconceptions of what we are doing here. It's clear that one person is behind this because she wants her own courthouse. Paul spoke of the TIF and how we will ALL benefit from it. Please vote YES on Issue 1.

Mr. Coyne stated he also supports Issue 1. He has been on council for 23 years or more and is sure the department heads feel he is a little fiscally conservative, he doesn't like to spend any money. We aren't wasting money; the city is really trying to use and spend the tax payer's dollars wisely. He also mentioned our first budget meeting is this Wednesday if anyone wants to join us and see what we do.

Mr. Lamb stated that Issue 1 is a confusing issue, and simply vote YES on Issue 1 is the message, and Paul stated it well. Let's win this, move the court, save the city money not only short term but long term.

Mr. Lamb also spoke of Bob Hyde and him being a local treasure. Definitely check out his App. It's important to remember the people that have played these key roles.

Jessica Hazeltine stated the Save the Courthouse Group is getting you to think about other issues that have nothing to do with Issue 1, they are distracting you while they go around and work their

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own agenda.

Jessica spoke of the trees that were planted at the McDowell – Phillips House. She also congratulated Cups Café who recently had their grand reopening after their big remodel. It looks fabulous in there and was all done with privately donated funds. National Design Mart donated all the counter tops.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

Jeanne Pritchard

4-12-21

*email to
Council/
Mayor*

April 12, 2021

To: Council President John Coyne
Councilman Jim Shields
Council Clerk Kathy Patton

I am making a Request for Council Action concerning equity with the pool, swimming lessons and splash pads.

The current status of swimming lessons precludes minorities or low income families from receiving or signing up for lessons. The current wait list for swimming lessons from 2020 shows 260 families currently waiting for lessons. Also, if child and family is not a Rec. Center member they must pay more for lessons. Having children learn how to swim then allows them to use outdoor pool productively and not cause problems for life guards. We are now into the second generation of families that do not know how to swim. Plus all swim sign ups must be done online which many low income families do not have.

Splash pads are a benefit to the community as a safe, fun alternative for those that lack swimming knowledge. To eliminate their opening causes low income and minority families hardships as to affordable recreational activities.

Knowing the City's commitment to diversity and your acknowledgment of racism as a public health crisis, I would think you would want to ensure that all recreation programs are designed with equity in mind.

From: Sharon Jaeger sjaeger@medinahealth.org
Subject: splash pads
Date: March 31, 2021 at 2:51 PM
To: murphyma@zoominternet.net



Good afternoon,

I have spoken to the person who does the pool inspections in the county. Her report is that splash pads are not mandated to remain closed and that it would be up to the City of Medina to determine if it can follow the Responsible Restart guidelines for opening this year and keep the public safe. The Medina County Health Department has no restrictions at this point. I hope that helps.

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Ohio Splash Pad Random Survey March 2021

In 2020 most splash pads in the random survey reduced scheduled times and limited occupancy to residents only. Elyria's pads did not open. The remainder opened at end of June or early July.

Gov. DeWine will be announcing guidelines for pads, pools and other outdoor activities the first week of April. As of this time **NO** COVID cases have been reported in Ohio from splash pads.

In 2020 the Memorial Pool opened in June while the splash pads at Greenwood and Mellert Park did not. As of the last Council meeting (2021) plans are being made to open the pool. The splash pads are shut.

Massillon - will open with restrictions. Must call in advance for spots

Akron - 40/session. free to all. playground equipment at own risk

Green - 15-20 kids on pad at one time. hours 11-4. no large groups or day camps or day cares. free

Willowick, North Ridgeville, Galion, Elyria and Mentor - residents only

Westlake - 300/session which includes pool Sessions 2 1/2 hour. NO guests

Hudson - hours - 10-8 with adult supervision

Parma - free but for 2020 residents only. Limit 121

Whitehall - make reservations week in advance, show proof of residency when entering. Allowed 4 groups of 8 people per session for 1 1/2 hours with 4 sessions per day. Walk ups allowed if there is a no show group. No unscheduled day care visits, will rent to them for \$2-3/kid. Bring own drinking water, no toys and masks required if not on splash pad. (they will continue this procedure for 2021)

Mansfield - owned by YMCA. Charges outsiders. Open M-F 3-7 and Sat-Sun 11-5.

One community limit of 55. No daycare groups, camps, parties. One household is limited to 10 people. Bring own chair and water to drink.

Open Medina's Splash Pads at Ray Mellert and Greenwood Parks!

The City closed Medina's splash pads at Ray Mellert Park and at Greenwood Park last year and announced plans to close them again this year. The money budgeted for the splash pads, \$18,500, was requested by Jansen Wehrley this winter and approved by Council to pay for a new heater at Memorial Pool. Last year, most cities around Medina and across the state opened their splash pads with restrictions and without incident and plan to do so again this year. The Governor and the Medina County Health Department have no restrictions in place that would prevent the use of splash pads. Despite communication with Jansen Wehrley, Director of Parks and Recreation, discussing the community need and interest in splash pads, the ability of other communities to safely open splash pads, and the lack of governmental restrictions, he maintains that the splash pads cannot be safely opened in 2021. In my research with other cities, residents, and the schools, I have come up with the following list of possible splash pad restrictions so Medina can move forward.

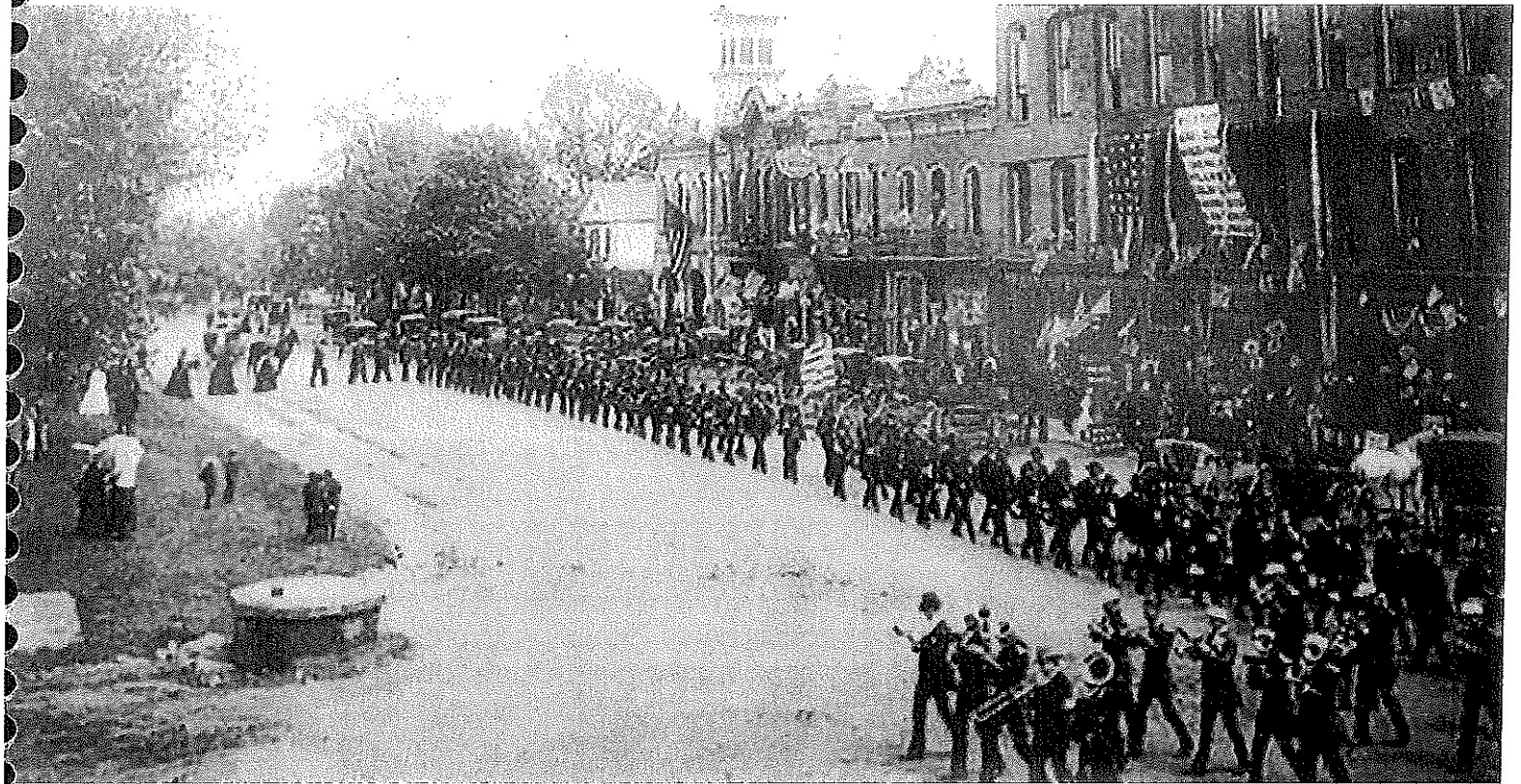
Possible restrictions for Medina splash pads:

1. Restrict number of people in the splash pads at any one time and the length of their session
2. Designate certain days a week for pre-school and day-care groups, require reservations, and allow walk-ups if maximum number is not met
3. Ask residents to call in advance for reservations and allow walk-ups if maximum number is not met
4. Require masks and water diapers for babies and toddlers
5. Ask adults to accompany children and bring their own chair and water
6. Open splash pads certain days and hours a week
7. Ask police to drive by, monitor the splash pads, and interact with residents as time allows
8. Restrict splash pad use to Medina residents only
9. Distribute wrist bands
10. Post rules and explain that use of splash pad and playground equipment is at your own risk
11. Instruct splash pad users to maintain a 6-foot distance
12. Establish an appropriate splash pad cleaning procedure
13. Create a splash pad advisory group to support the use and safety of our splash pads (I'm happy to volunteer)

Jeanne Pritchard
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4-12-2021

Received from
Lisa Copp
4-12-21



"Heyd" Hyde Family Residents "Village of Medina" Medina, Ohio

Reuben John Heyd Sr. was born in Milton Township in Wayne County December 3rd 1829.

In 1847 at age 18 Reuben moved to the family farm 153 acres on Lot 35 Paradise Road Montville Township, Medina County.

Reuben John Sr. was a Civil War Veteran Ohio National Guard from July 1863 - May 1866.

Ruben John married Susan Ann Overholt Heyd in 1858 and was married for over 50 years.

A lifelong farmer he bought and sold livestock and owned a meat market in Medina Village.

In 1912 Reuben Sr. and his wife Susan "Heyd" Hyde sold their farm and moved into their son "RJ" Hyde's home at 544 South Broadway Street Medina, Ohio. Reuben Sr. remained there until his passing in 1915 and his wife Susan remained there until her passing in 1927.

Reuben John "Heyd" Hyde passed away at home April 1, 1915 and was one of the oldest living residents in Medina County he was 86 years old. Susan Ann "Heyd" Hyde passed away March 18th, 1927 at 85 years of age. The Hyde's are buried at the Poe Cemetery with their children and other "Heyd" Hyde relatives.

Reuben John Overholt "Heyd" Hyde born December 27th 1868. Grew up on the family farm on Poe Rd in Montville Twp.

Reuben John "Heyd" Hyde married Bertha Clara Stranahan May 10, 1893 in Litchfield, Ohio at the bride's parents home.

"R.J." represented Medina County at the funeral of President William McKinley 1901.

"R.J." was a Montville Twp. Trustee 1904-1911.

"R.J." and Bertha moved to Medina Village in 1911 and built a home by Andrew Griesinger located at 544 South Broadway Street Medina Village, Ohio.

In April 1916 "R.J." bought into L.O. Fisher Shoe Store as a co-owner of "Fisher-Hyde" shoe store. December 1916 "R.J." and Louis Garner formed a partnership of "Hyde-Garner" shoe store and relocated to the Miller block on the Square in Medina Village, Ohio

Member Medina Methodist Church for 66 years.

Charter Member of the Kiwanis Club of Medina from 1920 -1945.

"R.J." was elected Medina County Treasurer in November 1911 - December 1915

Member of Medina County Agricultural Society

Member of Medina County Fair Board

Medina County Harness Horse Racing Club

"R.J." was a Republican Representative to the Village of Medina Council November 1921 -1923 and re-elected 1924 -1925. In 1927 "R.J." ran for Mayor of Village of Medina as a Republican candidate and was defeated by Democrat Mayor George Denton.

August 1923 -1925 Kindig and Hyde second cousins ran an extensive vegetable garden on South Court Street.

"R.J." purchased in 1921 Coddling, Bagley and Case Insurance Agency in the Princess block on the North side of the square on Liberty Street. The new business named "R.J. Hyde Insurance Agency" would later be renamed in 1920 "R.J. Hyde and Son Agency".

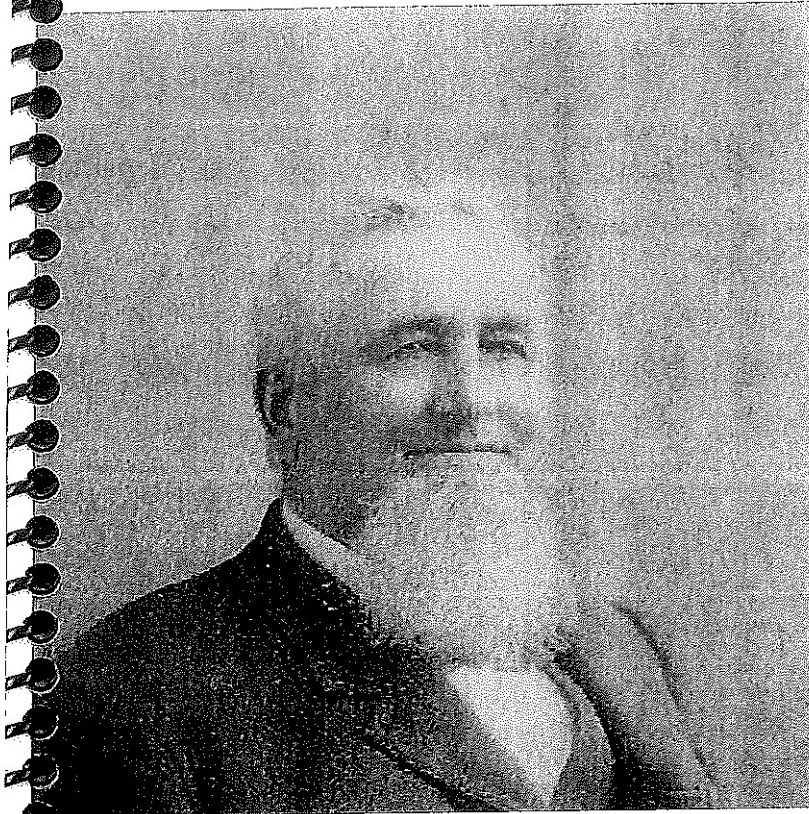
"R.J." was selected to oversee the Medina County road improvements program that expanded the County road system by paving dirt and gravel roads.

"R.J." was appointed Superintendent of Medina County Highway Department

"R.J." retired in 1941 he loved gardening, harness horse racing and spending time with his wife Bertha. They were married 50 years May 1943. "R.J." enjoyed spending time with his son Wayland, daughter-in-law Kathryn, grandsons David (Dave) and Robert (Bob).

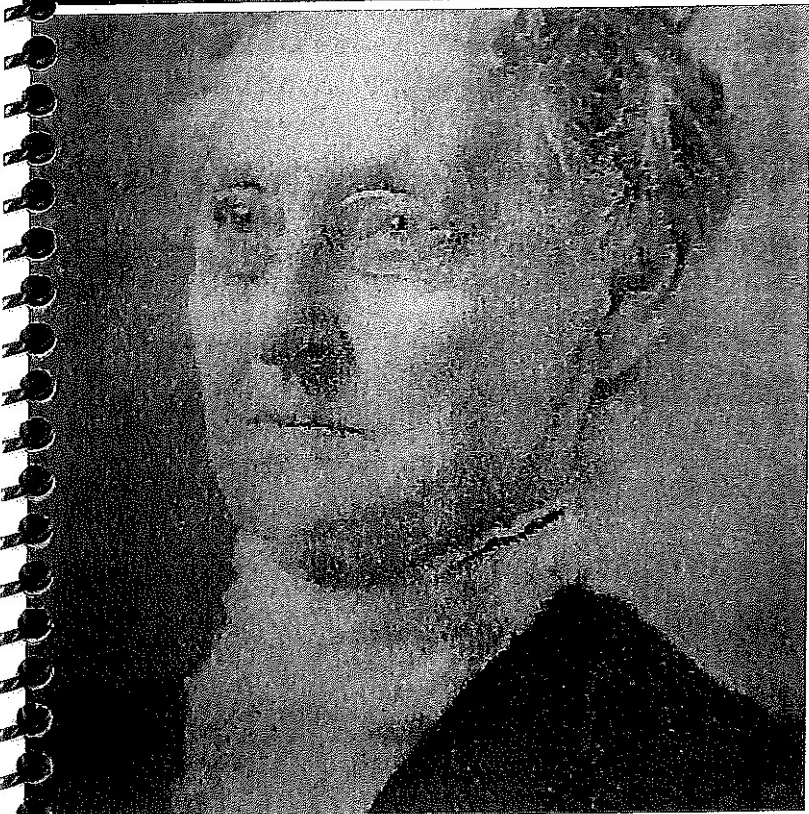
"R.J." passed away at Medina Hospital on July 16th, 1945.

Bertha Hyde passed away at home November 15, 1963. The Hyde's are buried at Spring Grove Cemetery Medina, Ohio



Wayland Anthony and father, Reuben J. Hyde Jr. circa 1908

Hyde Homestead, circa 1908, Paradise Road, Montville Twp., Medina, Ohio



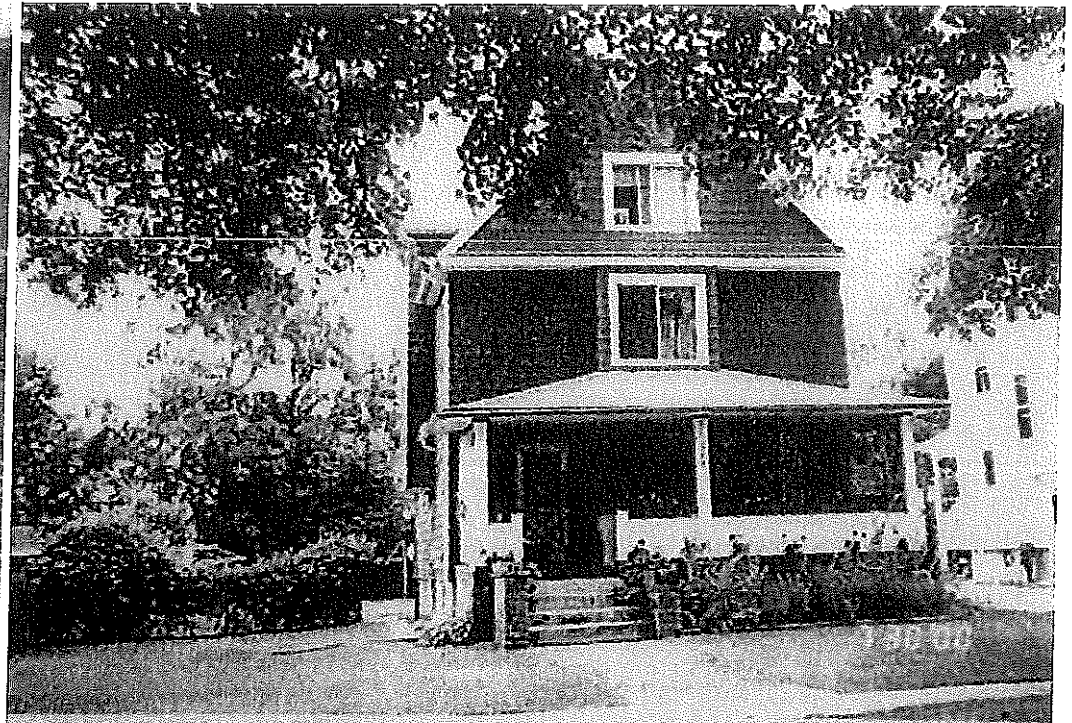
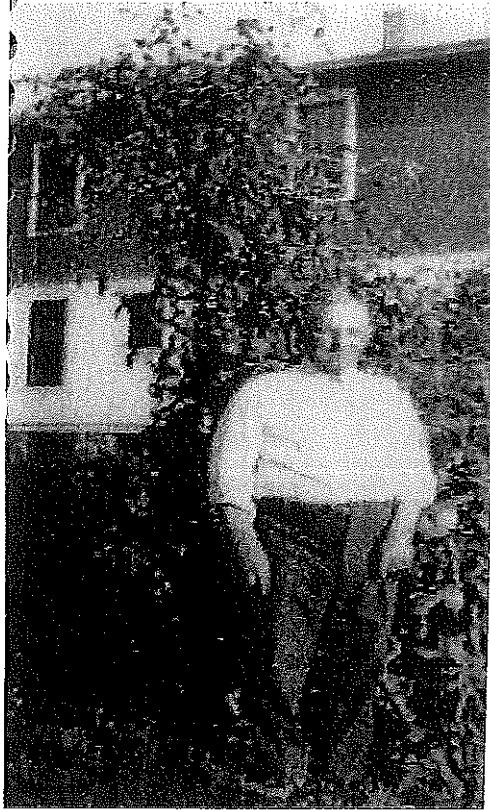
Reuben J. Hyde Jr., Gladys Hyde, Bertha Stranahan Hyde and Wayland Anthony Hyde



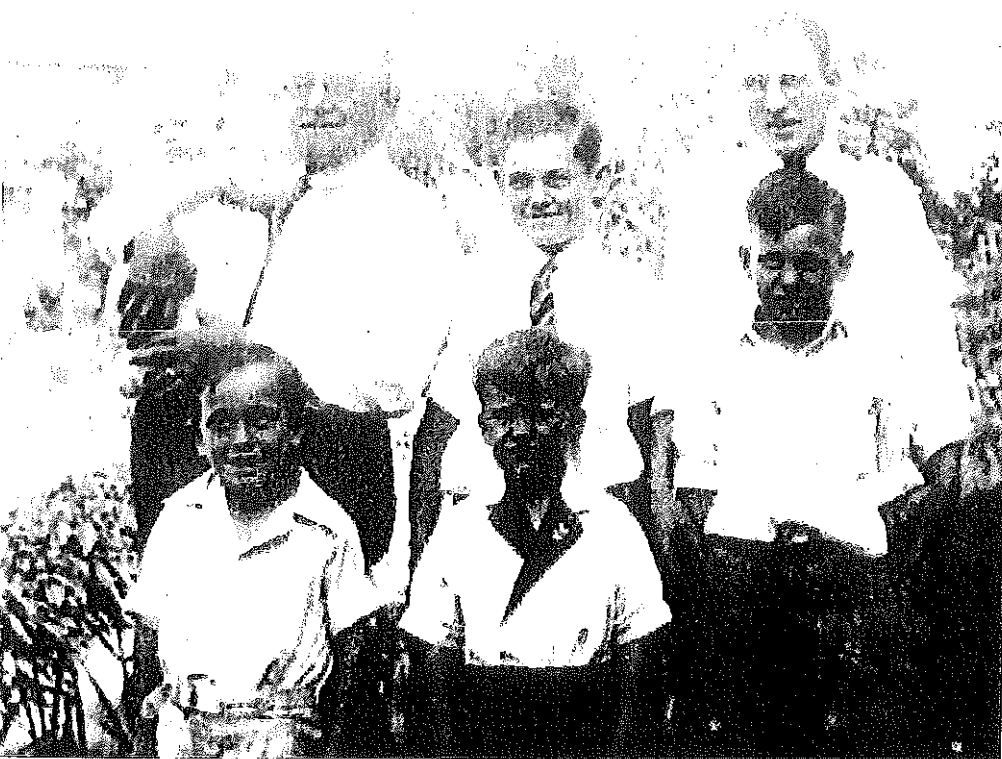


Medina, Ohio.





544 South Broadway Street, Medina Village



1963, 92nd Birthday- Kathry

Wayland Anthony Hyde born February 1st, 1900 at the family farm on Paradise Road Montville Twp. Medina County, Ohio.

Moved to the Village of Medina with his parents "R.J." and Bertha Hyde, and sister Gladys in 1910.

Wayland was hired by Village of Medina at the age of 17 to help brick South Broadway Street and was paid .25 cents per hour.

Wayland graduated from Medina Village Schools January 1920. He played football and was Captain of the baseball team.

Wayland joined his fathers business in 1920 "R.J." Hyde and Son Insurance Agency"

Wayland Anthony married Ida Kathryn Yoder Stinchcomb February 4th, 1925 at the home of "R.J." and Bertha Hyde at 544 South Broadway Street Medina, Ohio.

In 1934 Wayland and Kathryn purchased a home at 522 South Broadway Street and raised their son's David (Dave) born August 13th, 1927 and Robert (Rob/Bob) born April 27th, 1932.

Wayland sold his building on the square in Medina in 1934 and moved his business "Hyde Insurance Agency" to his home for 42 years. Later Wayland sold the business to his cousin who owned "Hunter Insurance Agency" in 1976.

Member and Officer of Medina County Association of Insurance Agents.

Member of the Ohio Association of Insurance Agents.

Appointed to the OAIA Legislative Committee 1934.

Scoutmaster Boy Scouts Troop 501 at Medina United Methodist Church 1940-1951.

Charter Member Lions Club

Charter Member of Isaac Walton League

Member of Medina Senior Citizens

Life Member and Booster to Medina High School Football and Baseball programs.

Member of Medina Methodist Church for 75 years.

Wayland was also a Trustee, Official Board Member, Usher and sang in the church choir.

Wayland retired after 56 years as an Independent Insurance Agent. He enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Wayland's passion for gardening and growing beautiful roses continued until he passed away.

Wayland Anthony and Kathryn Hyde were married 54 years.

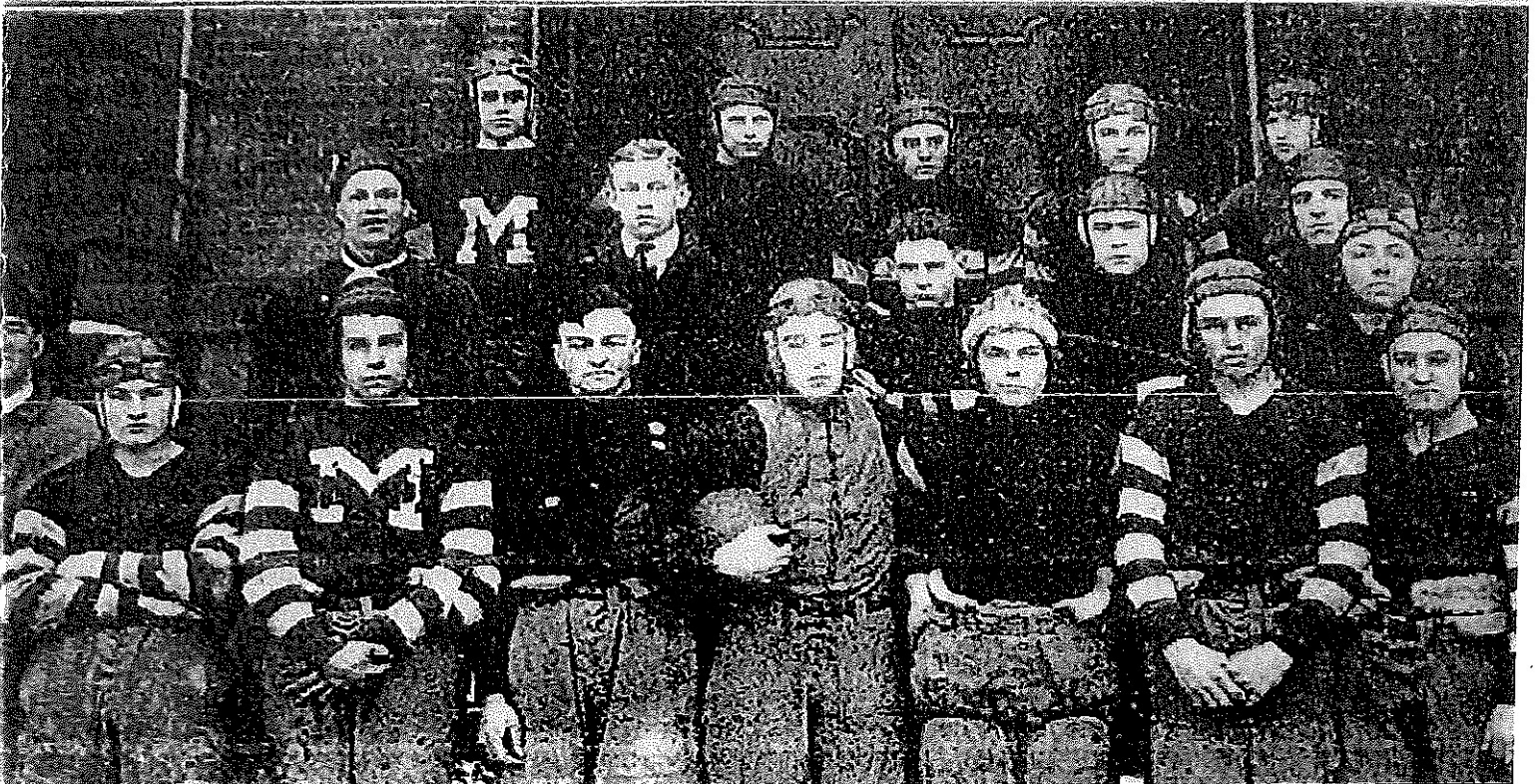
Kathryn Hyde passed away December 7, 1979.

Wayland Anthony Hyde passed away July 8, 1989. The Hyde's are buried at Spring Grove Cemetery in Medina, Ohio.

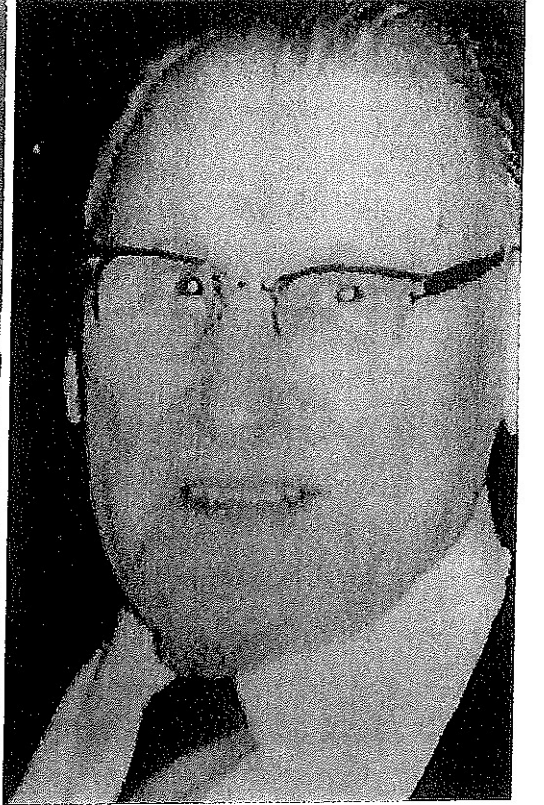
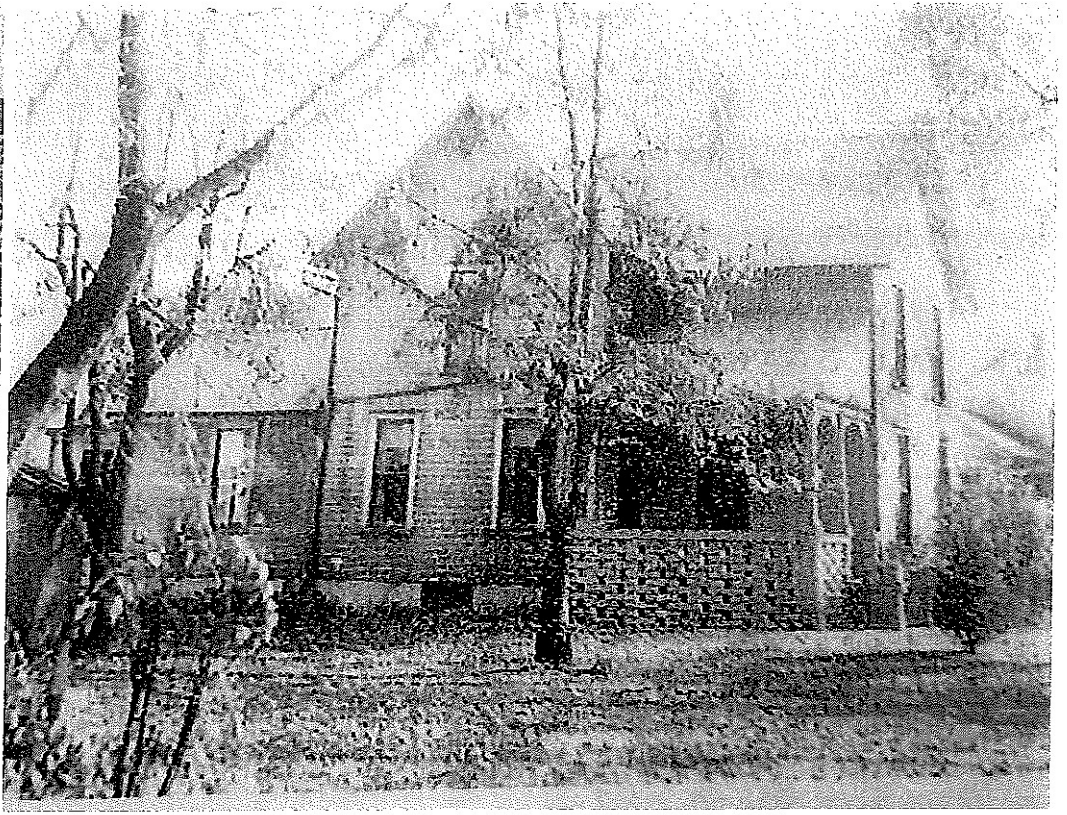
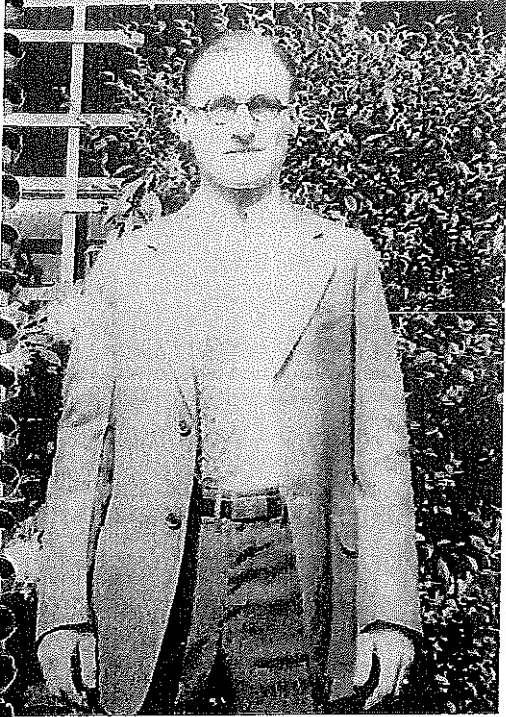
1918 Medina High School Baseball Team



1919 Medina High School Football Team



Rayland Anthony Hyde, 1925



Red brick

Resident follows road's histo

By 'Sam' Boyer

"Follow the Red Brick Road" might be the name of Wayland Hyde's theme song.

The road, of course, is South Broadway Street, and from its installation in 1917 to the current improvement project, one resident has seen it all.

That's Wayland Hyde, 522 South Broadway, who was one of the laborers when the first bricks were laid down.

Born on Paradise Road, on the farm which his grandfather first purchased in 1865, Hyde moved to 544 South Broadway in 1910 when his father, Reuban, was elected county treasurer. As a 17-year-old, he was hired for the summer to help pave the mud road known as South Broadway Street.

"I MADE GOOD money for back then," he said. At 25 cents an hour, 10 hours a day, he was in the high income group for 17-year-olds.

The laborers, he said, would use large tongs — like ice men used to carry — and pick up three bricks at a time. A worker would have prepared the sand base for application and Hyde would drop the bricks aside each other to be moved into place.

"There's a mix-up about this down at city hall," Hyde said. "The records there show that the bricks were laid on concrete. But I know better. I think the Clement Brothers down by the railroad were the contractors on the job."

The job was good exercise, he said. Each

of the bricks weighed a couple of pounds because paving bricks are much heavier than a regular brick.

BACK THEN, most everyone still rode horses and buggies, Hyde noted. But the road was paved, the automobile came more popular.

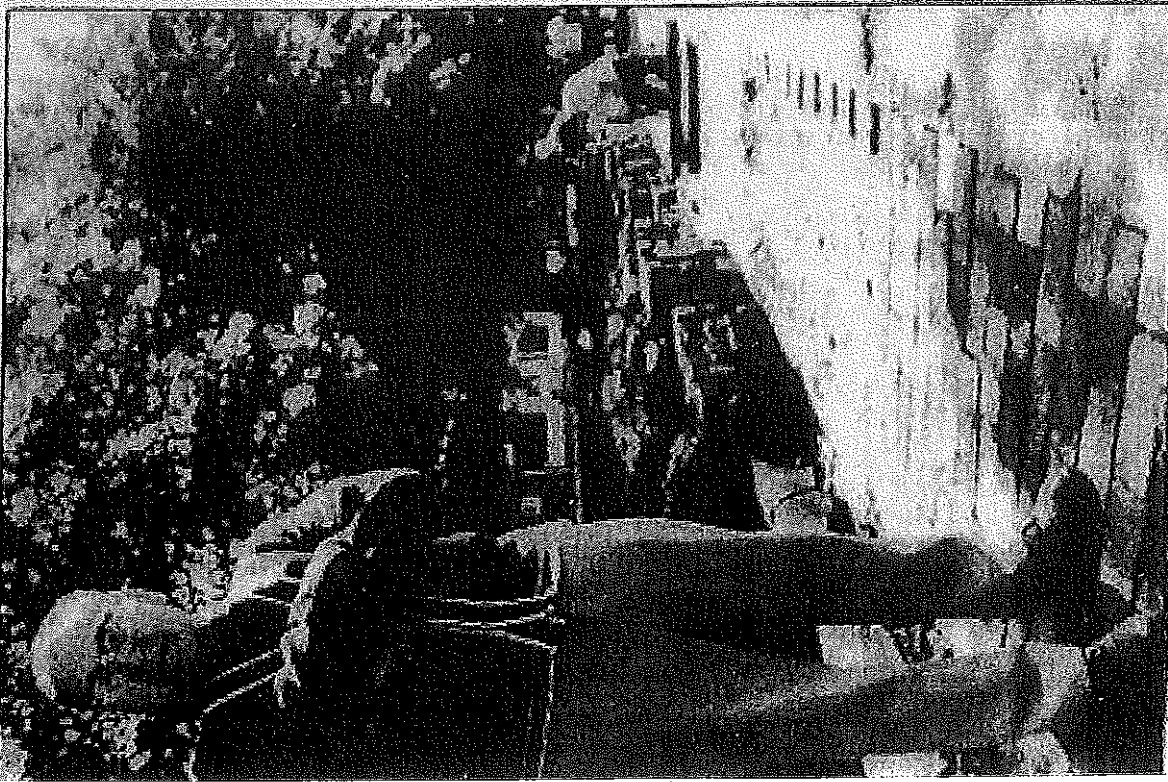
In 1920 his father had the chance to chase an insurance agency in the oil business Block and asked Wayland if he would be in the insurance business. The father chased the firm. His father thought it would be a better way to go than the oil business. Despite the fact Wayland could have received a football scholarship, Hyde chose the insurance business in 1926 to go to insurance.

NOW, HYDE spends a lot of time on the "sidewalk superintendent" for the city project. He was one of the men who fought for a decade to maintain brick paving.

"If they had replaced the curbs years ago, they wouldn't have had to replace the whole road," Hyde insisted. If the curbs broke up, allowing the bricks to move apart.

Now the new concrete curbs have been installed and the bricks are being laid in sand. Then a mortar is used between the bricks. With them tight against the sand, there should be no movement.

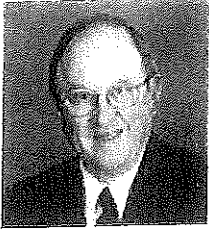
"This will last another 50 years," Hyde predicted. "And it's so much better than blacktop."



Seen photo by Sam Link

Wayland Hyde, 83, stands on the new bricks being placed on South Broadway Street, where he has lived for 73 years.

Life and Career Summary



Robert T. Hyde

Medina Senior High School 1950
Attended Kent State University 1950-1951
Akron University 1956-1963 Majoring in Accounting & Finance
United States Coast Guard 1952-1963 1st Class Storekeeper, Honorable Discharge

Agent & Director Hyde Insurance Agency with Co-Owner Wayland A. Hyde, 1956-1974
General Manager, President, CEO, Director/Owner, Hugert Manufacturing Company Medina, OH 1956-1977 merged with Standex International 1977
President, Director H & H Research, Inc, Medina, OH, 1968-1974
Director, Manufacturing Systems Industries Inc. Detroit Lakes, MN, 1972-1977
Director, Chairman Finance & Auditing Committee, Savings Deposit Bank Medina, OH 1975-1980
President, Standex Energy Systems Division of Standex International Salem, NH 1977-1985
Financial Consultant, Shearson, Lehman & Hutton Chagrin Falls, OH, 1986-1990
Senior Investment Broker, A. G. Edwards & Sons Inc. St. Louis, MO, 1990-1995
Retired 1995

Affiliations:

Member Medina United Methodist Church, 62 years
Current Member, Medina Presbyterian Church
North American Heating & Air Conditioning Association
Air Distribution Institute
Medina Junior Chamber of Commerce 1955-1963, Vice President, Secretary
Medina Chamber of Commerce 1956-1977 Chairman, Industrial Committee
Airplane Owners & Pilots Association
B. P.O.E 2262 Elks Lodge
Life Member Medina County Genealogical Society Past President, "Medina County Story" Editor
Life Member Medina County Historical Society
Ohio Genealogical Society

Awards:

2013 "Outstanding OGS Chapter Volunteer Award"
Medina County Historical Society "2016 Northrop Heritage Award"
State of Ohio 132nd Ohio Senate "2018 Exemplary Achievement Award"
City of Medina "1818-2018 Bicentennial Grand Marshal Award"
Recognized as "City of Medina Historian" as originator and publisher of the "Beyond Storefronts" 200-year history of Medina
Fundraising Committee and Member of Medina City Pool 1955
Member of Friends of Medina Memorial Park and Pool Committee 2017-2018

Interests & Hobbies:

Private Pilot
Family History & Genealogy
Golfing
World Traveling
Lawn & Gardening
Investment Research
Spending time with my wife Shirley (married 69 years), family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

